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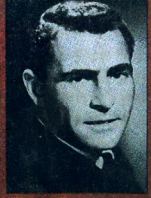

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AS YOU HAVE OFTEN DISCOVERED, THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM--ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE THE RESULTS OF DELIBERATE ***PRANKS!*** A PRACTICAL JOKE CAN GO TOO FAR, HOWEVER, WHEN IT ORIGINATES IN--THE ***TWILIGHT ZONE!***

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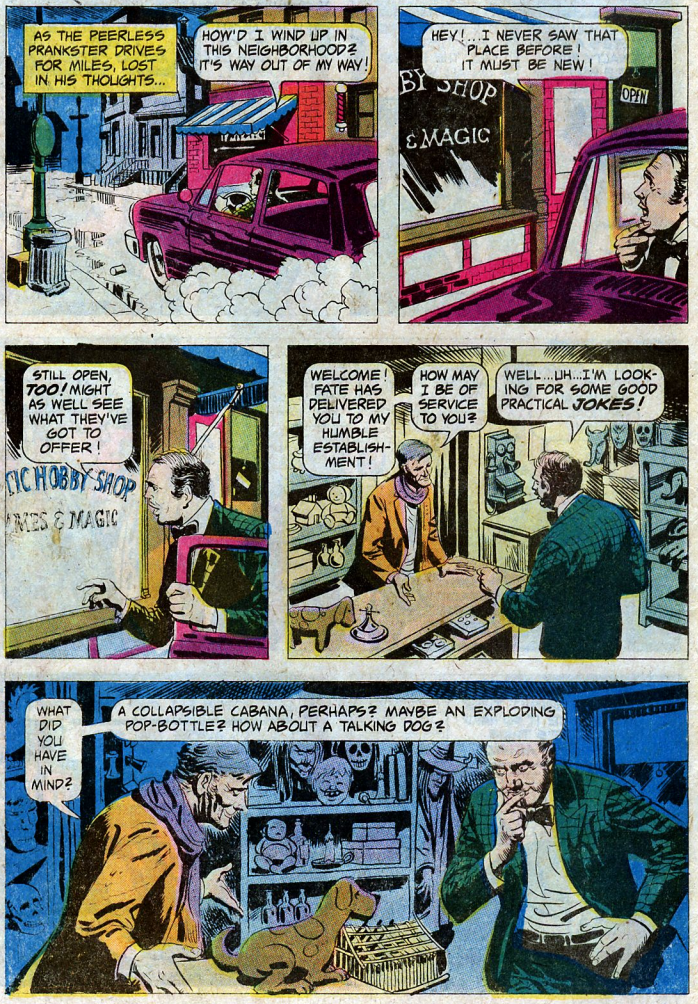
NO WONDER...LOOK! THE SMOKE IS COMING FROM THIS SMUDGEPOT--
...AND THE "FIRE" IS NOTHING BUT RED BULBS AND PINWHEELS... THE SAME GADGETS USED IN FAKE FIREPLACES!
THE WHOLE THING IS A GAG...A PRACTICAL JOKE!
WHEN THE NEWS IS REPORTED TO THE HOUSEGUESTS...
A PHONY FIRE? WHO COULD POSSIBLY PLAY SUCH A CRUEL, HEARTLESS JOKE--EXCEPT...
JASON! WAS THIS YOUR HANDIWORK AGAIN?
HA-HA... I CONFESS, I CONFESS! I'M THE FIREBUG!

SIR, DO YOU KNOW THERE'S A STIFF PENALTY FOR PEOPLE WHO PLAY PRANKS LIKE THIS?
IT'S WORTH EVERY CENT, JUST TO SEE THE LOOKS ON ALL YOUR FACES!
WHAT ABOUT THE SCARE YOU GAVE US? DOESN'T THAT CONCERN YOU?
WHAT'S A LITTLE FRIGHT AMONG FRIENDS?
YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT, THE GAG WAS CLEVER!
FRANKLY, JASON, WE'RE FED UP WITH YOUR PRACTICAL JOKES!
YES--YOU'VE CARRIED THEM TOO FAR!
IF YOU DON'T CUT IT OUT, YOU CAN FIND YOURSELF NEW FRIENDS!
;Whew!; I DIDN'T THINK THEY'D TAKE IT SO HARD! WHERE'S THEIR SENSE OF HUMOR?
IS IT POSSIBLE I DID GO TOO FAR?
I GUESS MAYBE THAT STUNT WAS A LITTLE TOO SCARY!
NEXT TIME, I'LL MAKE IT UP--WITH SOMETHING FUNNY!


AS THE PEERLESS PRANKSTER DRIVES FOR MILES, LOST IN HIS THOUGHTS...
HOW'D I WIND UP IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD? IT'S WAY OUT OF MY WAY!
HEY!...I NEVER SAW THAT PLACE BEFORE! IT MUST BE NEW!
OPEN
& MAGIC
STILL OPEN, TOO! MIGHT AS WELL SEE WHAT THEY'VE GOT TO OFFER!
WELCOME! FATE HAS DELIVERED YOU TO MY HUMBLE ESTABLISHMENT!
HOW MAY I BE OF SERVICE TO YOU?
WELL...UH...I'M LOOKING FOR SOME GOOD PRACTICAL JOKES!
WHAT DID YOU HAVE IN MIND?
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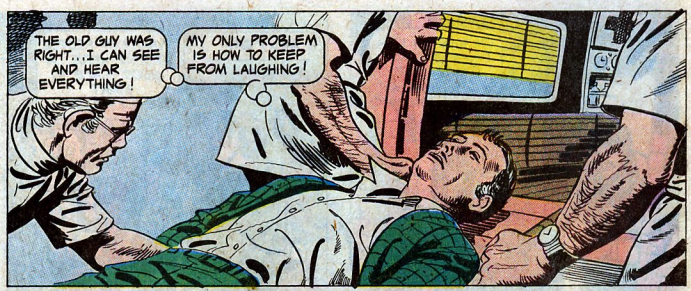
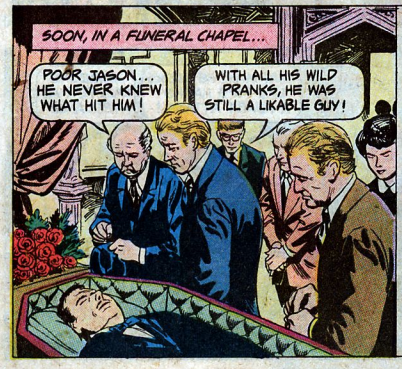
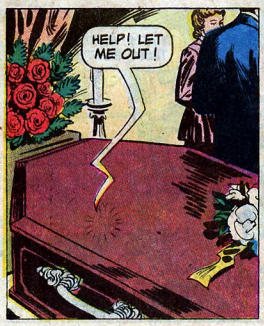
HOW ABOUT THIS LITTLE ITEM, BREWED FROM THE SECRET FORMULA OF THE ANCIENT INDIAN FAKIRS?
A "DEATH POTION"...WHAT'S THE GAG?
DEATH POTION
IT IS NO GAG, MY FRIEND!
ONE SIP OF IT WILL STIFFEN YOUR LIMBS, SLOW YOUR BREATHING, MUFFLE YOUR HEARTBEAT SO THAT EVEN A DOCTOR WILL THINK YOU DEAD!
THE EFFECT LASTS FOR 24 HOURS, DURING WHICH TIME YOU CAN SEE AND HEAR EVERYTHING! THOUGH PARALYZED, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK!
ARE YOU SURE IT'S SAFE?
DRUG
ABSOLUTELY! ONCE THE EFFECTS WEAR OFF, YOU'LL BE GOOD AS NEW!
GREAT! HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

OH, WHAT AN IDEA THIS GIVES ME! THE PRANK TO END ALL PRANKS!
NEXT DAY..
PLENTY OF PEOPLE AROUND HERE..A GOOD PLACE TO START THINGS ROLLING!
GOODBYE, WORLD -- FOR 24 HOURS!
UH-H-H...
THAT MAN! HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S HAVING A HEART ATTACK!
SOMEONE CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE!
A SHORT WHILE LATER...
WE'RE TOO LATE...THIS MAN IS DEAD!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, BUSTER!


THE OLD GUY WAS RIGHT...I CAN SEE AND HEAR EVERYTHING!
MY ONLY PROBLEM IS HOW TO KEEP FROM LAUGHING!


SOON, IN A FUNERAL CHAPEL...
POOR JASON... HE NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT HIM!
WITH ALL HIS WILD PRANKS, HE WAS STILL A LIKABLE GUY!

AND AFTER A BRIEF SERVICE...
THEY'RE CLOSING THE COFFIN ...IT'S TIME FOR THE NEXT ACT!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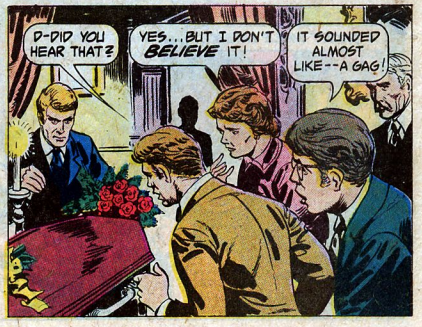
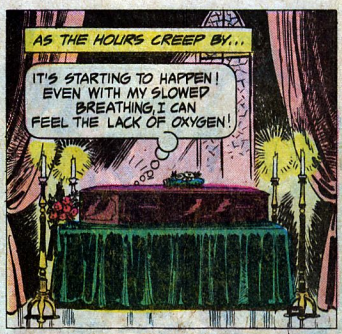
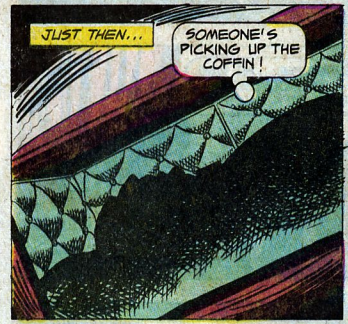
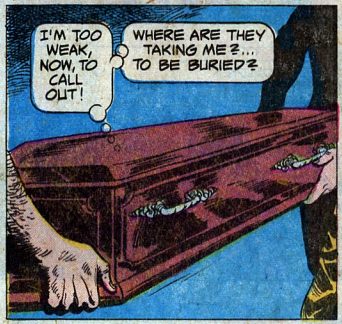

D-DID YOU HEAR THAT?
YES...BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
IT SOUNDED ALMOST LIKE--A GAG!

LET ME OUT!
YOU'RE RIGHT--THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT IS...A GAG!
EVEN IN DEATH, JASON COULDN'T RESIST A PRACTICAL JOKE!
BUT...HOW'S IT BEING DONE?
KNOWING JASON, I SUSPECT HE HAS COHORTS--AND ONE OF THEM PLACED AN AUTOMATICALLY ACTIVATED TAPE RECORDER IN THE COFFIN!
SH-SHOULDN'T WE OPEN IT AND MAKE SURE?
NONSENSE...HE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD BY A DOCTOR!
RIGHT...LET'S JUST FORGET ABOUT IT!
WHAT? THEY'RE LEAVING WITHOUT OPENING THE COFFIN!
IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO WORK OUT THAT WAY!
WAIT! DON'T GO! I'M NOT DEAD--YOU UNDERSTAND? I'M ALIVE... ALIVE!

TH-THEY DON'T BELIEVE ME! I'M TRAPPED IN HERE UNTIL THE POTION WEARS OFF-- OR I RUN OUT OF AIR!


AS THE HOURS CREEP BY...
IT'S STARTING TO HAPPEN! EVEN WITH MY SLOWED BREATHING, I CAN FEEL THE LACK OF OXYGEN!


JUST THEN...
SOMEONE'S PICKING UP THE COFFIN!


I'M TOO WEAK, NOW, TO CALL OUT!
WHERE ARE THEY TAKING ME?... TO BE BURIED?

SHORTLY...
YES--THAT MUST BE THE ANSWER! I'M PROBABLY HEADING TO A CEMETERY!

BEFORE LONG...
I CAN FEEL MYSELF BEING LOWERED... WHERE? INTO MY GRAVE?
NO--WAIT... I CAN FEEL THE POTION STARTING TO WEAR OFF!
PLEASE--WAIT!

HUH--? THEY'RE OPENING THE COFFIN!
THANK GOODNESS --NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON!
GOSH! TH-THIS MAN... HE'S ALIVE!
WHAT...WHERE AM I?
IN YOUR WILL--DON'T YOU REMEMBER?... YOU DONATED YOUR BODY TO THE STATE MEDICAL COLLEGE!
OF COURSE ...I FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT!
NEVER MIND THAT ...WHAT ABOUT YOU?
HOW DID THIS FANTASTIC MISTAKE HAPPEN?
IF I TRIED TO EXPLAIN, YOU'D NEVER BELIEVE ME!
YOU'D SAY I WAS PULLING A PRACTICAL JOKE!
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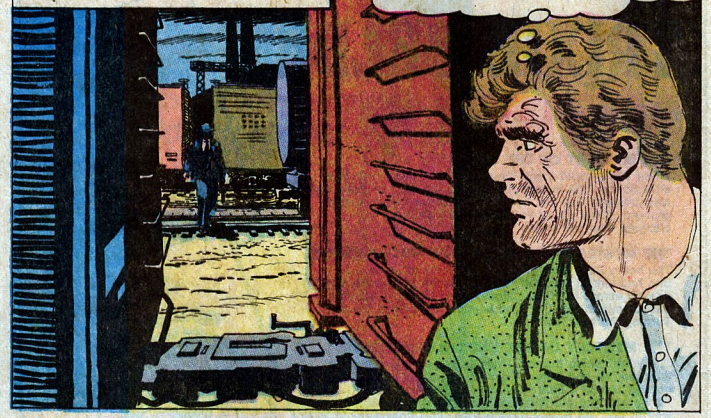
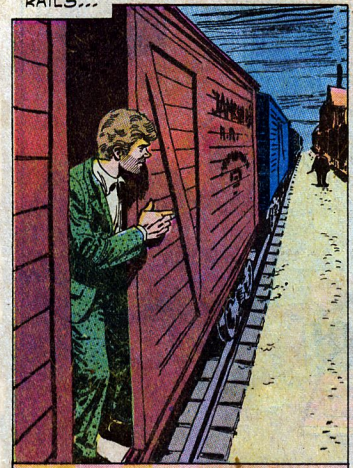
The RICH LITTLE MAN

IT WAS A WARM, SUNNY 1940s DAY IN IRELAND. THERE WAS ALMOST ***MAGIC*** IN THE AIR AS A MAN WALKED ALONG THE RAILROAD SIDINGS, HUMMING AN OLD IRISH FOLK DITTY...

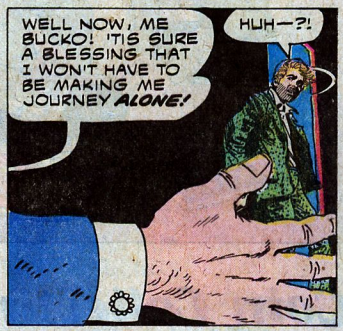


YES, BILL TRACY HAD BEEN CAUTIONED OFTEN ENOUGH THAT THE RAILROAD WOULD NO LONGER TOLERATE ***TRAMPS*** LOITERING ON ITS PROPERTY...

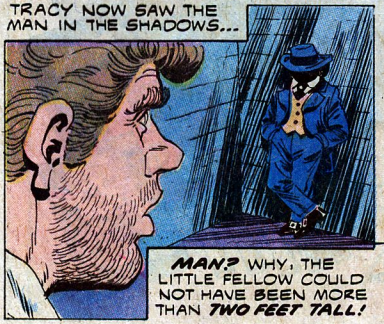
TRACY FELT THE BOX CAR SUDDENLY LURCH AS HE HEARD THE SHRILL SCREAM OF A WHISTLE AND AN OUTBURST OF STEAM. THEN THE WHEELS BENEATH HIM BEGAN TO CLACK OVER STEEL RAILS...



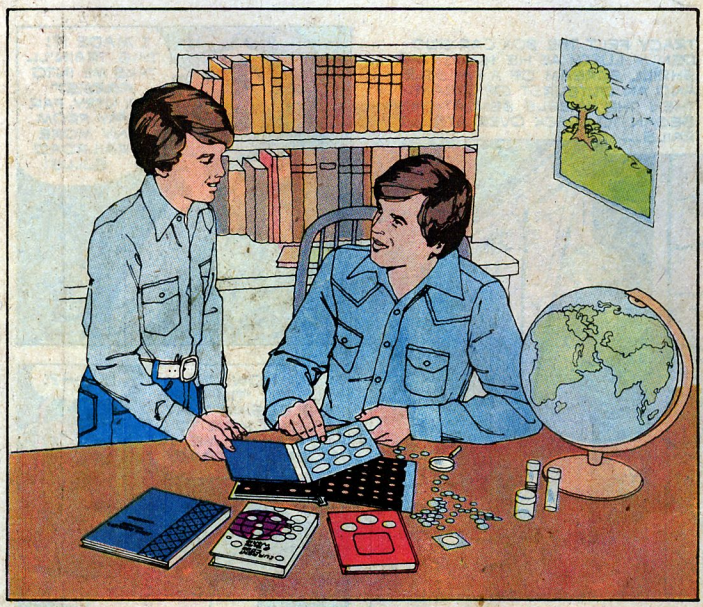
AND AS THE TRAIN PROCEEDED TO ROLL OUT OF THE YARD, HE SAW THE DETECTIVE RAPIDLY SHRINK INTO THE BACKGROUND.



TRACY NOW SAW THE MAN IN THE SHADOWS...



AND WHEN HE SPOKE, IT WAS WITH THE THICKEST *BROGUE* TRACY HAD EVER HEARD...



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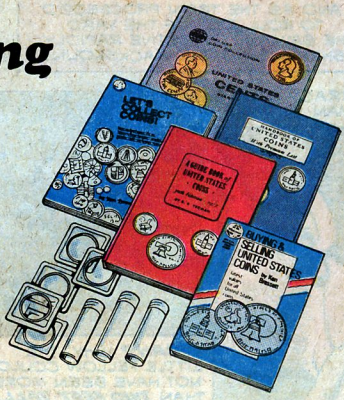

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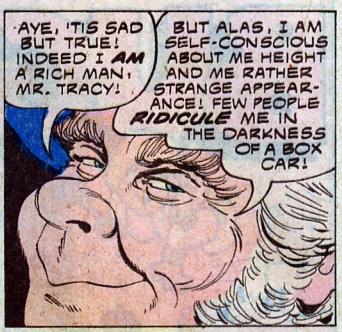
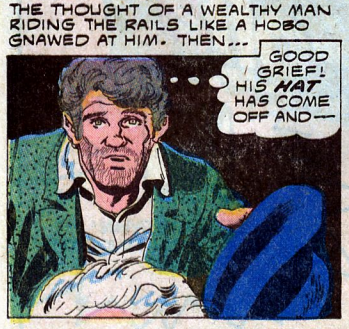
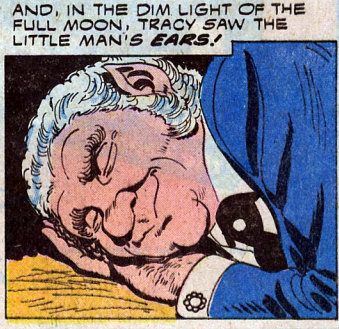
TRACY INTRODUCED HIMSELF, AND...
THOSE BUTTONS LOOK LIKE REAL GOLD, THOSE SHOE BUCKLES SEEM LIKE REAL SILVER! AND THESE CUFF LINKS — ARE PEARLS!
WHY'S A RICH MAN LIKE YOU RIDING BOXCAR?


AYE, 'TIS SAD BUT TRUE! INDEED I AM A RICH MAN, MR. TRACY!
BUT ALAS, I AM SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT ME HEIGHT AND ME RATHER STRANGE APPEARANCE! FEW PEOPLE RIDICULE ME IN THE DARKNESS OF A BOX CAR!

THEY TALKED FOR HOURS, UNTIL THE PASSING TERRAIN WAS ENSHROUDED BY NIGHTFALL...
(YAWN!) I DON'T USUALLY STAY UP THIS LATE, MR. TRACY! SO IF YE DON'T MIND, I'D LIKE TO GO TO SLEEP!

WITHIN THE MINUTE, THE ODD LITTLE MAN WAS SNORING. IT WAS NOT THE SNORING THAT KEPT TRACY FROM SLEEPING BUT SOMETHING ELSE...


THE THOUGHT OF A WEALTHY MAN RIDING THE RAILS LIKE A HOBO GNAWED AT HIM. THEN...
GOOD GRIEF! HIS HAT HAS COME OFF AND—


AND, IN THE DIM LIGHT OF THE FULL MOON, TRACY SAW THE LITTLE MAN'S EARS!

I GOTTA GET A CLOSER LOOK AT THOSE EARS, TO MAKE SURE I'M NOT GOIN' DAFFY!
UH ?
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON—?
OH, 'TIS YE, MR. TRACY!

DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME, MR. MULLEN! I ALWAYS THOUGHT THOSE OLD LEGENDS WERE BLARNEY! BUT ADMIT— YOU'RE A LEPRECHAUN!
I FEAR YE'VE FOUND ME OUT, FAIR AND SQUARE!

THEN THE WHOLE LEGEND MUST ALSO BE TRUE! IT SAYS, CAPTURE A LEPRECHAUN AND HE'LL TELL YOU WHERE HIS TREASURE IS!
N-NO, MR. TRACY! I BEG YE—!

ANY LITTLE MAN WHO CAN AFFORD SILVER BUCKLES, PEARL CUFF LINKS AND GOLD BUTTONS MUST HAVE SOME IMPRESSIVE TREASURE INDEED!
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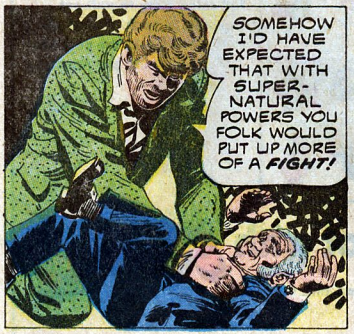
SOMEHOW I'D HAVE EXPECTED THAT WITH SUPER-NATURAL POWERS YOU FOLK WOULD PUT UP MORE OF A FIGHT!

OKAY, MR. MULLEN—ARE YOU TAKIN' ME TO YOUR LEPRE-CHAUN'S TREASURE?
I WILL... TAKE YE TO IT! I SW-SWEAR IT!

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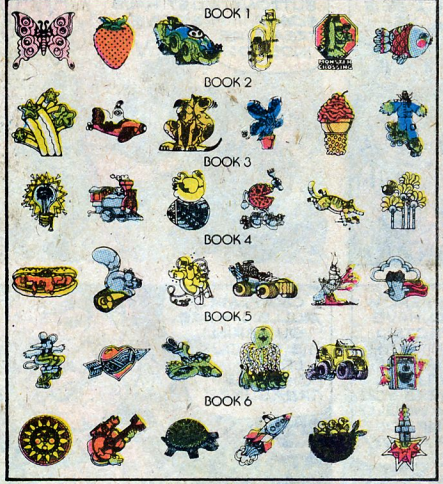

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BUT I ASK THAT YE CHANGE YER MIND! FOR THE TREASURE BE TRULY ENCHANTED!
DON'T GIVE ME ANY BLARNEY, MR. MULLEN! THAT TREASURE IS NOW MINE, AND—
HEY, THE TRAIN'S FINALLY COMIN' TO A STOP!
ALL RIGHT THEN, MR. ELF! LEAD ME TO THIS TREASURE OF YOURS—AND NO TRYIN' TO ESCAPE!
'TIS INDEED TOO LATE FOR ME TO ESCAPE! SO IF YE'LL FOLLOW ME—
AS THE UNLIKELY PAIR STRODE BRISKLY THROUGH A FOREST LIT BY A FULL MOON...
HEY, MULLEN—WHAT'S THAT I HEAR? SOUNDS LIKE WHISTLIN' AND HAMMERIN' COMING FROM UP AHEAD!
AND AS THEY STEPPED INTO THE CLEARING...
SUFFERIN' SHAMROCKS! LEPRECHAUNS! A WHOLE COLONY OF THE LITTLE NIPPERS!
AYE! AND ALL HARD AT WORK MAKING THEIR FINE BROGUE SHOES!

NATURALLY, TRACY WAS SUDDENLY THE CENTER OF ATTRACTION...
SO YE'VE FINALLY COME HOME, MULLEN! AND I CAN SEE YE'VE BROUGHT ONE OF THE BIG FOLK ALONG WITH YE!
AYE, O'HARA! 'TIS TRUE! I MET MR. TRACY ON THE TRAIN!
AND WHY, MAY I ASK, DID YE DO SUCH A STUPID THING AS TO BRING HIM HERE?!
BECAUSE MR. TRACY CAUGHT ME AND FORCED ME TO BRING HIM HERE— TO THE TREASURE!
AND BY YOUR OWN RULES, LITTLE MAN, YOU'VE GOTTA TAKE ME TO IT!
HARRUMPH! VERY WELL, THEN— THOUGH IT BE AGAINST ME BETTER JUDGMENT!
THE TREASURE BE IN THAT CAVE! BUT BEFORE YE ENTER, I MUST GIVE YE FAIR WARNING! THE TREASURE IS ENCHANTED!
DON'T TELL ME SOMETHING I ALREADY KNOW, MR. PIXIE...
'CAUSE THE ONLY ENCHANTMENTS ON THIS TREASURE ARE THE MANY "MAGIC" THINGS I PLAN TO BUY WITH IT!

FOR A WHILE, TRACY WALKED THROUGH BLACKNESS. THEN, FEELING HIS WAY ALONG THE STONE WALLS AND TURNING A CORNER, HE SAW THE GOLDEN GLOW. AND WHEN HE APPROACHED...
THERE'S A MOUNTAIN OF THE STUFF! LOOKS LIKE ENOUGH TO BUY ALL OF IRELAND AND A LITTLE BIT OF SCOTLAND TO BOOT!
BUT TRACY'S EXALTATION IN HIS NEWLY-ACQUIRED WEALTH WAS SHORT-LIVED...
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG? SUDDENLY I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD! LIKE I ATE TOO MUCH MULLIGAN STEW...
BUT THAT INITIAL UNPLEASANT SENSATION WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING...
FEEL LIKE I'M BEIN' TURNED INSIDE OUT—
EEEAAAHH!!

THE SCREAMING FINALLY STOPPED—AND A MINIATURE MAN, SOMEWHAT RESEMBLING BILL TRACY, STEPPED FROM THE DARKNESS OF THE CAVE...

5000, MR. TRACY! YE WERE ***WARNED*** ABOUT THE TREASURE'S ENCHANTMENT, BUT YE WOULDN'T LISTEN!

YE SEE, MR. TRACY, WE LEPRECHAUNS ARE ***FEW!***

AND ***WHY*** DO WE NEED MORE LEPRECHAUNS, YE MAY ASK? 'TIS BECAUSE THOUGH WE BE FEW, THERE IS MUCH ***WORK*** TO BE DONE!

MR. MULLEN SMILED AS HE JOTTED DOWN YET ANOTHER NAME IN HIS LITTLE BLACK BOOK. AND HE HEARD THE TINY MAN WHO WAS ONCE BILL TRACY GRUMBLE AS HE BEGAN HIS NEW JOB. BUT MR. MULLEN KNEW THAT TRACY WOULD SOON BE ***WHISTLING*** LIKE THE OTHERS...

HEART OF STONE

DID YOU HEAR HIM? HE BELIEVES MORE THAN EVER THAT HIS STONE GODDESS IS COMING TO LIFE!
IF YOU ASK ME, CELIA, YOUR UNCLE VIRGIL HAS COMPLETELY FLIPPED!
"FLIPPED," HAVE I? I'LL SHOW YOU JUST HOW MUCH I HAVE "FLIPPED!"
UNCLE... PHIL DIDN'T MEAN IT!
WELL, YOU'VE WAITED IN VAIN! TOMORROW, I'M INSTRUCTING MY LAWYER TO CUT YOU OUT OF MY WILL!
I'D RATHER SEE THE MONEY GO TO A DESERVING CHARITY!
BOSH! DON'T YOU THINK I KNOW THE TRUTH?
YOU TWO HATE ME! YOU'RE JUST WAITING FOR ME TO DIE--SO YOU CAN INHERIT MY FORTUNE!
YOU MEAN...?
YES--THAT PLAN WE'VE BEEN REHEARSING!
IT'S TIME TO PUT IT INTO ACTION--TONIGHT!
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PHIL, HOW ARE WE GOING TO STOP HIM?
YOU KNOW PERFECTLY WELL WHAT'S GOT TO BE DONE, CELIA!

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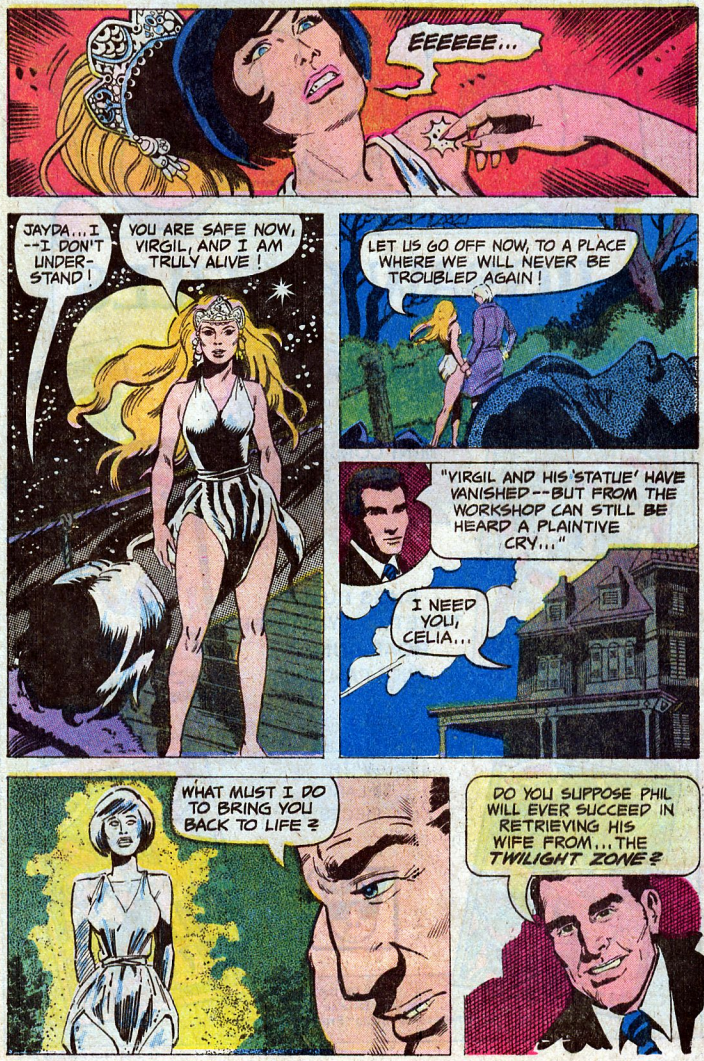
A SHORT WHILE LATER...
EVERYTHING SECURELY FASTENED?
YES--ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE WIG!
PERFECT! IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D THINK YOU REALLY WERE JAYDA!
THE QUESTION IS--WHAT WILL UNCLE VIRGIL THINK?
GO DO YOUR THING...I'LL BE WAITING AT THE GORGE!
IN HIS LOONY STATE, HE'LL BELIEVE ANYTHING!
SOON...
VIRGIL-L-L-L...
WHAT--?
JAYDA! IS--IS IT REALLY YOU?

LET US GO OFF, VIRGIL, TO SOME PLACE WHERE WE CANNOT BE DISTURBED!
YES, YES-- WHATEVER YOU SAY, MY DARLING!
AT THIS VERY MOMENT, IN THE WORKSHOP...
VIRGIL... HE IS IN TROUBLE!
MINUTES LATER...
THERE THEY GO, OVER THE GORGE!
TIME TO SLIP UP BEHIND HIM AND SHOVE!
HE'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT...
UNHH-!
SOK
PHIL--? IS THAT YOU?
EH--? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU'RE NOT JAYDA!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JAYDA...I --I DON'T UNDER-STAND!
YOU ARE SAFE NOW, VIRGIL, AND I AM TRULY ALIVE!
LET US GO OFF NOW, TO A PLACE WHERE WE WILL NEVER BE TROUBLED AGAIN!
"VIRGIL AND HIS 'STATUE' HAVE VANISHED--BUT FROM THE WORKSHOP CAN STILL BE HEARD A PLAINTIVE CRY..."
I NEED YOU, CELIA...
WHAT MUST I DO TO BRING YOU BACK TO LIFE?
DO YOU SUPPOSE PHIL WILL EVER SUCCEED IN RETRIEVING HIS WIFE FROM...THE TWILIGHT ZONE?

BONUS!

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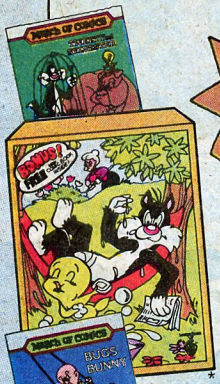

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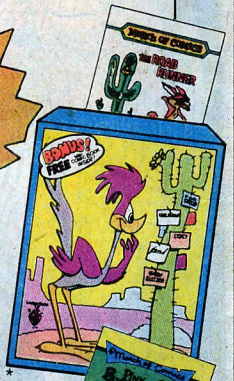

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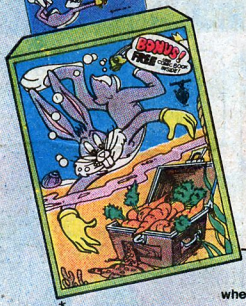

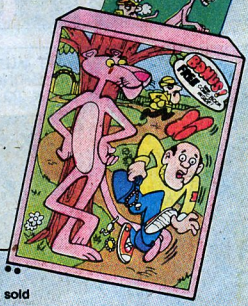

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